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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR TO LAOS WELCOMES END OF WAR

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: AT PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 21
CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR TO LAOS U SAY ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS
RELEASE:

"APRIL 17, 1975, MARKS FOR US KHMER A DATE IN OUR
HISTORY FOR THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND NATIONAL
CONCORD.

"THE WAR ENDED WITH THE VICTORY OF THE ROYAL GOVERN-
MENT OF NATIONAL UNION OF KAMPURCHEA (GRUNK) AND THE
POPULAR ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION OF
CAMBODIA AND OF THE KHMER PEOPLE. THIS VICTORY
HAS JUST PUT AN END TO THE LIST, ALREADY
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LONG, OF RUINS AND SUFFERING OF THE KHMER

PEOPLE DURING FIVE YEARS AND ONE MONTH OF WAR.

"ON OUR SIDE AT THE EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE, MY COLLABORATORS AND I HAVE TRIED TO FIND THE WAY TO RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO PARTIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A CEASE-FIRE. BUT IN VAIN. NOW THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY VICTORY OF SIHANOUK'S GRUNK HAS CLOSED THE KHMER DOSSIER AND WE WELCOME IT WITH JOY. WE STRONGLY HOPE THAT THIS PEACE, SO MUCH WISHED FOR BY ALL OUR COMPATRIOTS, WILL BE LASTING AND FIRM SO AS TO UNITE ALL THE KHMER IN UNDERSTANDING, CONCORD AND TOLERANCE.

"WE HOPE TO SEE FORMED IN THE NEAR FUTURE A STABLE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO BEGIN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTRY AND ENDOW THE KHMER PEOPLE WITH THE STATUS OF TRUE INDEPENDENCE AND STRICT NEUTRALITY." END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE KHMER EMBASSY HERE HAS ALSO COMMUNICATED ITS STATEMENT OF LOYALTY TO PRINCE SIHANOUK. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REFTEL), AMBASSADOR AND STAFF INTEND TO AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM PHNOM PENH REGARDING THEIR FUTURE.
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